

National Library of Scotland

The National Library of Scotland is a great resource for researching your Scottish ancestry. It has the largest collection of Scottish Gaelic material of any library in the world and is the largest library in Scotland. To access the National Library of Scotland website, go to www.nls.uk.

Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you will be able to know what resources are available on the National Library of Scotland website and how to access those records.

Resources at the National Library of Scotland

There are many resources available for Scottish research at the National Library of Scotland website. From the homepage, here are a few links to assist you in your research:

- Family history
- View online

Family History (link)

In the Family History link is an introduction to Scottish family history. It includes links to research guides and records for Scotland that are available at the National Library of Scotland. In addition, here are a couple of great resources:

- Scotland Case Studies (research case studies)
- Maps:
 - Maps of Scotland, 1560-1928
 - Map Finder with Marker Pin
 - Map Finder with Outlines
 - Explore Georeferenced Maps
 - Side by side viewer
 - OS sheet records viewer
 - Boundaries viewer (see parish boundaries with 1800s maps)
 - Ordnance Survey Maps (located as a blue tab to the left of the screen)
 - Town Plans and views, etc. (located as a blue tab to the left of the screen)
 - Military maps
 - Ordnance Survey town plans, 1847-1895 > Click "As full screen overlays" > After clicking an area, use the "Side by Side" tool and other tools.

View online (link)

Scroll down and view the various links under "Categories."

Family history

- British military lists

- First World War
- Histories of Scottish families
- Map Images - Same link to maps from the Family History link.
- Rolls of honour
- Scots abroad
- Scottish Post Office directories

Scottish places

- Scotia depicta
- Slezer's Scotland

Photography

- First World War photographs
- From shore to shore
- Pencils of Light
 - Photographs of the first photographic club in the world. Contains over 300 images by a group of pioneering Scottish photographers.
- Photographs of the south side of Edinburgh
- Thomas Annan's Glasgow (photographs of Glasgow in the 1800s)
- And more...